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The Society next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following are the officers elected:

PRESIDENT	J. W. POWELL.
VICE-PRESIDENTS . . .	ROBERT FLETCHER. J. C. WELLING. GARRICK MALLERY. O. T. MASON.
GENERAL SECRETARY . .	LESTER F. WARD.
SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL	F. A. SEELY.
TREASURER	J. HOWARD GORE.
CURATOR	W. J. HOFFMAN.
COUNCIL AT LARGE . .	E. A. FAY. MILES ROCK. A. F. A. KING. G. K. GILBERT. S. M. BURNETT. H. W. HENSHAW.

Upon the announcement of the result, the Society at 9.30 adjourned.

FIFTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETING, February 7, 1882.

Major J. W. POWELL, President, in the Chair.

The election of Capt. C. E. Dutton, U. S. A., as an active member of the Society was announced.

In accordance with the Constitution the retiring President delivered his annual address upon THE OUTLINES OF SOCIOLOGY.*

FIFTY-SECOND REGULAR MEETING, February 21, 1882.

Dr. ROBERT FLETCHER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The CHAIR stated that Mr. Petroff, whose communication was the

* Printed in Vol. I of Transactions, pp. 106–129.

only one on the program for the evening, had notified the Council that, owing to illness, he would not be able to read it, and the Society adjourned at 8.30 p. m.

FIFTY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING, March 7, 1882.

Dr. ROBERT FLETCHER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The election of Mr. E. W. Nelson, of the Smithsonian Institution, as an active member of the Society, was announced.

Mr. IVAN PETROFF then read a paper on the "LIMITS OF THE INNUIT TRIBES ON THE PACIFIC COAST."*

DISCUSSION.

Mr. NELSON, who had spent much time in Alaska, spoke of a mixed tribe, or race, intermediate between the Innuit and the Tinné Indians, which he had met while there, and which he thought to be identical with another interior tribe, though modified as to language and customs. He also mentioned an Eskimo tribe, supposed to have immigrated from Northeastern Asia, but which had become much assimilated in language, customs, etc., to the Alaskan Indians.

Mr. GATSCHET spoke of the Aleuts, and inquired whether any indications existed that they had migrated from Asia. He said there was no such thing as an originally island tribe; they must have come from some part of the main land. He also commented on the derivation of the word Aleut as affording some clue to their origin.

Mr. PETROFF replied that the words Aleut and Innuit were probably identical in origin, and that he had found Aleuts at Bristol Bay, and that certain characteristic cooking utensils of that tribe had been taken from kitchen refuse on the main land, which proved their former occupation of those parts.

Prof. MASON reproduced some of Mr. Dall's arguments to establish the great antiquity of the human occupancy of Alaska. He

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* Printed in Am. Nat., XVI, No. 7, 1882, pp. 567–575.